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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of )  
ALEXANDER et al. )  
For: **ASSESSING THE CONDITION OF** )  
**A JOINT AND PREVENTING** )  
**DAMAGE** )  
Serial No.: 09/882,363 )  
Filed: June 15, 2001 )  
Atty. Docket No.: 6750-0007 (SU98-01.US2) )

Examiner: J. Foremen

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED**  
**EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: request for a one-month extension of time and fee of \$55.

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐/\_\_\_/ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐/\_\_\_/ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Filing Fee**

Description	Claims	Extra	Rate	Fee Code	Fee
RCE Fee (37 CFR 1.17(e))				1801/2801	\$375
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1 x	\$84/42 =	1201/2201	42
Total Claims	29 -20 =	9 x	\$18/9 =	1202/2202	81

Total Filing Fee .....\$498

4. **Payment of Fees**

- ☒/ X / Enclosed is a check for the total fees due in the amount of \$553 (\$498 filing fee plus \$55 extension of time fee.
- ☒/ X / The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and to credit any overpayment of fees which may be required under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648, referencing Atty. Docket No. 6750-0007.

5. Address all future communications to:

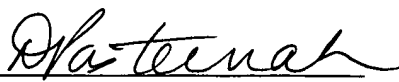
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6. **Other documents enclosed herewith:**

- ☒/ X / Return Receipt Postcard.
- ☐/\_\_\_/ Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_).

Respectfully submitted,

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